

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus and method for measuring the length of a cable for obtaining a reference measurement wherein a belt drive advances the cable through a first gripper until the cable is under separating/stripping cutters which cut the cable. The cable is
5 advanced by a length measured by the belt drive, a leading cable-end being passed under a cable-end detector, and the cable is held tightly by the first gripper and with a linear backward movement, the cable is withdrawn until the leading cable-end leaves the cable-end detector. A correction factor is calculated by a control from the distance between the separating/stripping cutters and the cable-end detector and from the travel of the first
10 gripper during the backward movement.

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